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SUBJECT: NORTH KIVU UPDATE (9/12/07 16:00 GMT): NO REPORTS
OF FIGHTING

REF: KINSHASA 1087 AND PREVIOUS

¶1. (U) There are no reports of fighting in North Kivu over the past 24 hours. MONUC and Congolese military (FARDC) sources told us September 12 there have been no major clashes between forces loyal to dissident General Laurent Nkunda and pro-government troops since MONUC peacekeepers intervened to end hostilities outside Goma September 6. The general atmosphere throughout the province remains tense as both sides continue to reinforce their respective positions.

¶2. (U) MONUC spokesman Michel Bonnardeaux said in his weekly briefing in Kinshasa September 12 that the UN is worried about the recent skirmishes between a suspected alliance of Mayi-Mayi and FDLR fighters and Nkunda loyalists (reftel). Bonnardeaux called on all armed groups to end all activities which threaten the current pause in hostilities. He said these forces have no legitimacy and no right to act on behalf of the government or the military.

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